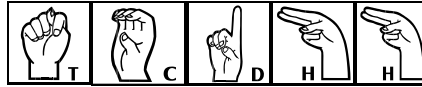


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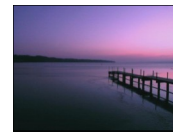
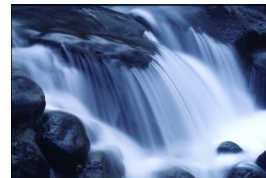
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From the Director's Desk — Thom Roberts



Ah Summer! What a wonderful time of year! Many people take their vacations during these warmer months and travel to the beach, mountains, and even some foreign countries. Wherever you travel, or even if you don't travel, take some time for yourself to be refreshed. You'll need it when you come back to work! TCDHH is more active than ever and will be looking for you to join us as we work together to reach some of the goals that have been set. Together we can make a difference!



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Fourth of July



On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks. Test your knowledge of Independence Day with the questions below. Answers on page 4.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment?
2. What do the stripes on the American flag signify?
3. How many changes (or amendments) are there to the U.S. Constitution?
4. If both the president and vice president die, who becomes president?
5. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?



Introductions (& Congratulations)



Jessica Harrison, CCDHH, passed her written exam for RID National Interpreter Certification. The Council wishes her well as she prepares to take her performance evaluation. **GOOD LUCK Jessica!**

Welcome to Justin Foglesong, new part-time interpreter at CCDHH.

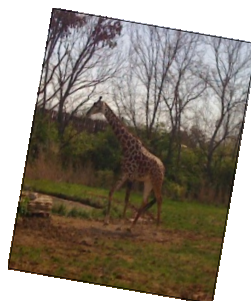
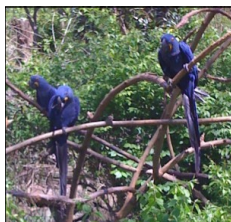
Welcome Tommy Bedwell, KCD's new liaison.



DEAF DAY AT THE NASHVILLE ZOO



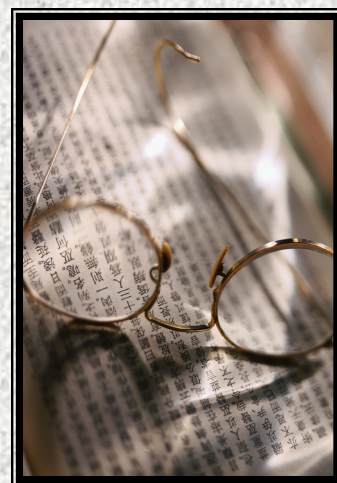
Saturday, April 4 was Deaf Day at the Nashville Zoo. Gate Communications sponsored this wonderful day. Many from the Deaf Community attended. Thom Roberts, Executive Director of the Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing took a few photos to show you the animals who were there as well. It was great to have the tours and demonstrations interpreted so that everyone could understand. Thom spoke to many regarding TCDHH and got their input and support during the day. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun and we look forward to next year's zoo day!



TCDHH Council Mini Minutes

February 13, 2009

- The Department of Education graduation guidelines have changed. In order to graduated, a student must now have 22 credits.
- Lana Newton, Vocational Rehabilitation's Deaf-Blind Specialist has started a master's training program at Northern Illinois University.
- Four new Council committees were created; the Social Welfare Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Education Committee and the Communications Committee.
- The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities received a grant to work with the Juvenile Justice System and Deaf and Hard of Hearing juveniles.



TCDHH Executive Director's Report



March

- 3 TN Coalition on Mental Health
- 12 TSPN Mid-Cumberland
- 23 TN Conference on Social Welfare
- 24 TN Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council



April

- 4 Gate Communications' "Deaf Day at the Zoo"
- 9 Families First Consultation
- 21 Attended Nashville RID Meeting
- 24 TN Rehabilitation Center Graduation



May

- 1 TREDS Advisory Council
- 8 TN-RID
- 14 TSPN Mid-Cumberland



Fast Facts from FEMA

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado. Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May and tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., but can occur at any time. Here are some things you should know. **Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible, remain alert. **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar, TAKE SHELTER!

What to do before a tornado: Have a plan for safety. Look for danger signs: dark, often greenish sky, large hail, a large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating), loud roar, similar to a freight train. If you see any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

What to do during a tornado: Take shelter immediately! If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows. Get out of automobiles. Get out of mobile homes. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. If you are outside without shelter, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.



What to do after a tornado: Check the safety of your family. Be aware of: washed out roads, contaminated water, gas leaks, broken glass, electrical wiring, poisonous snakes, wildlife, weakened bridges and buildings. Things to check: gas, wires, roof, foundation, chimney, appliances, water & sewage systems. Take pictures and keep good records of repair and cleaning costs. Call your insurance agent. For more information visit www.fema.gov.

Telecommunications Devices Access Program ("TDAP")

Free amplified and otherwise accessible telephones are available from a State program called the Telecommunications Devices Access Program ("TDAP") facilitated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. The TDAP was established by Chapter 417 of the Public Acts of 1999 (the "ACT") as passed by the Tennessee General Assembly. In accordance with the Act, the Telecommunication Device Access Program TDAP loans telephone equipment to persons who are unable to use the telephone effectively without the use of an assistive device.

The devices are issued Free of Charge on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there are certain qualifiers for applicants:

- Applicants must be residents of the State of Tennessee and show proof by valid Tennessee Identification or other accepted form.
- Applicants must have a disability such that the person cannot use the telephone effectively without an assistive device. The condition must be verified by a Tennessee licensed professional.
- Applicants must be able to use the device

To obtain a telephone from the TDAP you must complete an application. The TDAP application can be found at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority website www.state.tn.us/tra or simply call the TDAP office at 1-800-342-8359.



Did You Know?

Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. Each year, Americans cope with an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and an average of 2 landfalling deadly hurricanes. And this on top of winter storm, intense summer heat, high winds and other deadly weather impacts.



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Mission Statement

The Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TCDHH) exists to serve as an advocate for culturally appropriate services affecting Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind persons through coordination, public awareness, and consultation in areas of public service, health care, and education and employment.



Deaf?

Have a problem with drugs or alcohol?

Want signed 12 Step & support meetings?

Deaf Off Drugs and Alcohol offers deaf 12 Step & support meetings led by deaf facilitators.

All you need is a computer with a web-cam,
high-speed internet and an email account.

If interested, for more information, contact Mandie Roseberry:

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So how did you do? (Answers from page 1)

1. Freedom of speech, the press, religion, peaceable assembly and petitioning the government for change.
2. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies.
3. Twenty-seven.
4. The speaker of the House of Representatives.
5. July 4, 1776.



Upcoming Events



Summer

National Deaf Academy's Working with Deaf Individuals with Mental Illness seminar will be held June 11-12, Orlando, FL. For more info: www.nda.com

The National Suicide in the Black Church Conference will be held in Memphis on June 18th. For more information, contact Bishop William Young at the Healing Center, (901) 370-4673 (voice) or yhealer@aol.com

Interpreters Provided.

The 2009 RID National Conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA, August 1-6. For more info: www.rid.org.





JCIL Will have their Deaf Awareness Week Banquet on September 26.

Come join us.

KCD will hold their annual Golf Tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course on October 9th. For more info: dhwoods@comcast.net

